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Mayor Healy to Raise the Flag of the Ukraine Jersey City to Celebrate 21st Anniversary of Ukraine Independence

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy, members of the Municipal Council, the Division of Cultural Affairs, and members of the Ukrainian-American community will raise the flag of the Ukraine in recognition of the 21st Anniversary of Ukrainian Independence at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, August 24, 2012 in the City Hall Council Chambers, 280 Grove Street.

“The Ukrainian-American community of Jersey City has led by example not only locally but nationwide,” **said Mayor Healy**. “This dedicated community has contributed directly to Jersey City by building and maintaining schools, churches, community centers, and commercial enterprises. They have made their dreams of sovereignty in this land a reality, while keeping in mind the struggles of their forefathers.”

January 22, 1918, marked the rebirth of the Ukrainian National Republic, a nation dedicated to the belief in Almighty God. The Ukrainian National Republic’s dedication to living in peace and harmony with its neighbors has always been of the utmost importance. Ukrainians, both here and abroad, lived with the hope that their nation would be liberated from Communist oppression and be restored to the people.

After 70 years of Soviet subjugation, the Ukrainian National Republic claimed independence on August 24, 1991 upon receiving a nationwide referendum that reaffirmed the Ukrainian people’s desire for freedom, independence, and democracy. An overwhelming 90 percent of the general public voted in favor of independence. Although they have faced many hardships over the last two decades they make great strides in protecting their sovereignty.

For more information about the Ukraine Flag Raising, call the **Division of Cultural Affairs at (201) 547-6921** or visit **jerseycitynj.gov**.

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